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For: **LONG LASTING AQUEOUS
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FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF**

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Sir:

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This application was first amended in a preliminary amendment dated 1998. Please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, please delete the insert made in the January 5, 1998 preliminary amendment and replace it with the following:

-- This application is a division of Serial No. 08/740,653, filed October 31, 1996,
which is a division of Serial No. 08/380,588, filed January 30, 1995, now U.S. Patent No.
5,578,292, which is a division of 07/991,237, filed December 16, 1992, now U.S. Patent
No. 5,413,774, which claims the benefit of EP 92810046.0, filed January 24, 1992. Serial
No. 07/991,237 is also a continuation-in-part of 07/695,343, filed May 3, 1991, which

